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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**YOSHIMOTO et al.**

**Application Number: 10/649,934**

**Filed: August 28, 2003**

**For: DEWATERING SYSTEM**

**Attorney Docket No. KOBE.0055**

**Art Unit 1723**

**Examiner**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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Total Claims	15	7	-XX (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	1	1	1 (over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

☒ Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)  
☐ Substitute Specification  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Petition for Extension of Time (3 months)  
☐ Terminal Disclaimer  
☐ Letter to Draftsperson  
☐ Assignment  
☐ RCE

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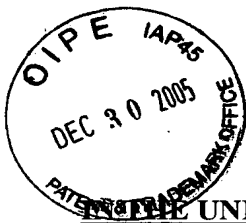
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, in the above identified application, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 6, 2006. Please amend the above identified application as follows: